

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 11-16 and 23-27 were directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base and any intervening claims.

In reliance thereupon, independent claim 10 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 11. The claims previously dependent from claim 11 have been amended to depend from claim 10.

Similarly, independent claim 22 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 23. The claims previously dependent upon claim 23 have been amended to depend from claim 22.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 10 and 22 as well as the claims depending therefrom is respectfully requested.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

In view of the above, applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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